

### **REMARKS**

Applicants hereby offer preliminary amendments to the present application to place the application in better form for allowance.

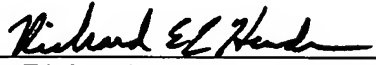
Applicants have canceled Claims 1-10 in favor of replacement Claims 11-19 to correct certain informalities (including avoidance of use claims and removal of preferences) and to clarify the intended meaning of the claims without materially altering their scope. Applicants note with respect to Claim 15 that the formula for diols of formula (V) has been corrected by adding the hydrogen atom of the second alcohol group (which is a characteristic of diols). Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are fully supported in the specification.

Applicants have amended the specification to capitalize all letters in the title and to insert a statement of priority. In addition, Applicants have amended the specification at pages 2-4 to correct an inadvertent and obvious typographical error in the formula of diols (V) (shown at page 4, line 9), as mentioned above with respect to Claim 15. Applicants have also amended the specification at page 15 to change DE-A 103 28 996 to DE-A 103 57 570, both of which – along with DE-A 103 39 360 – are priority applications for WO 2005/000851 and the Canadian counterpart CA 2,530,378 (which is identified in Applicants' previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement). This change was made to avoid confusion for the reader because the '996 application has been withdrawn from publication. Applicants submit that these amendments serve only to clarify their application and do not substantively alter the scope of their disclosure.

Applicants have amended the Abstract to change the title for the reasons discussed above and to change the heading and body to a more customary form. A copy of the new Abstract is separately attached.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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